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HOW TO START A REVOLUTION.

If, five years ago, the query "how to start a revolution", had been put to the average American, his inevitable answer would have been something like this: prohibit free speech and assembly. Arrest every one who voices disapproval of the present government, search his home without warrants, terrorize his wife and frighten his children. Raid the offices of every organized movement of the working people, take the files, gather up all literature found, throw the officers of the organization in jail, organize and countenance mobs which shall carry what is left into the street and set fire to it.

Deny mailing privileges to the papers of the poorer classes but give them freely to all others. Make the carrying of a membership card in a political party a crime and a labor union membership a felony. Set an army of sneaks and gum shoe operators on the trail of every man and woman who believes this is a free country. Prohibit all parades of workers, deny them the use of halls for meetings. Open the mail of all workers' organizations and keep it for as long as you want. Put spies in every labor union and instruct them to preach violence in order to trap the "radicals".

Elect fools and politicians to public office instead of men of social vision. Put the police power into the control of the local rich class and, use it always against the workers. Put judges on the bench whose idea of law is that it is for the rich and against the poor. When in doubt, hit the poor man and hit him hard.

Should the working-class get organized strong enough to elect their men to office, cook up charges against them and throw them out. If possible throw them into jail afterward.

If any of foreign birth should raise a voice of protest against conditions, throw them in jail for a few months, then ship them out of the country. If a foreign nation sets up a government that doesn't suit the American millionaires, draft a bunch of soldiers from the working class and send them out to war against them. Don't declare a war however, let it be a one man affair. Don't let the people have any thing to say about the policy of the government in foreign matters. And if they don't say what you want them to say about anything, jail them.

If the workers strike, get out an injunction against them, call out the soldiers and intimidate them, shoot up their towns and murder a few of their leaders, especially their women speakers. Don't let them meet to talk over their grievances. If they will do it get the soldiers to scab on the strikers. In all cases take full control of all big daily papers, the little weeklies will follow the lead. Print all the lies that can be coined about the workers, create public opinion favorable to the capitalists, deny the workers any possible opportunity to state their side. Use the entire forces at the command of the government, not to make conditions better for the poor but to keep them in submission to their exploiters.

This will start a revolution most anywhere—especially in the United States".

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

If we need an example of the brutality of our American-prison system the hanging of a prisoner at Chicago before an audience of 200 "picked" prisoners affords us a perfect example. Not only of the brutality of the prison system but also of those in charge of our penal institutions. If there is one institution which demands the highest type of officers in charge, it is the prisons. No other institution affords as complete an opportunity to study the varying types of mankind under one environment and to work out the principles of a solution to criminal acts as do they. Yet in charge of them are placed not students of psychology and humanity, but men of the type of Sheriff Peters, whose idea of teaching a moral lesson is a par with the philosophy of punishment practiced in the ages of savagery—and before.

"It will give them something to remember", he stated in defense of his brutal plan to force the prisoners to view the hanging of a fellow prisoner. Sheriff Peters probably does not know (being merely a politician), that brutality always brutalizes never reforms. The theory that men must be punished for crimes committed, is both false and brutal. The true conception of crime is that it is a product of social conditions. Unsocal acts follow in the wake of unsocial environment. The purposes of prisons should be as places of safe keeping of the unsocial in order to protect the rest of society. They should also be schools for the teaching of right living, and right thinking. Instead, they are principally breeding places for more crime. Generally under the control of politicians whose sole purpose is graft and getting a living, who have no higher purpose than to get by with the job in the established order, little improvement has been accomplished in the prison system and little can be hoped for as long as the present ideas continue.

When the social conscience is awakened to the fact that society is responsible for the acts of its individuals, then and not until then will we have a penal system that will be a deterrent to crime. A society that is built upon the principle that the biggest hog gets the fattest living is a prolific basis for crime. As long as the present capitalist rule continues there can be no radical change. The system breeds crime as it breeds poverty and millionaires. The system is brutal, consequently its institutions are likewise.

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SPARKS.

MEET AT CAMBRIDGE.

Comrades of Guernsey County will meet for a social time at Social Hall Byesville on Jan. 10th.

All comrades are cordially invited to be present for a good time is assured every one. Singing, music and a general social time including speaking will be enjoyed.

The many good wishes and holiday greetings received by the State Office from comrades testify to the revolutionary spirit that animates them. Surely these holiday greetings testify that 1920 will be one of the biggest years in our movement. The growing proletarian revolution over the world is a source of great inspiration to all class-conscious workers. 1920 will prove to be one of the most active of Ohio comrades is the wish of the State Office force.

Five fifty for subscriptions from comrade Dan G. Berg of Bellaire, Mich., is a good New Years start. A copy of Lenin goes to him by return mail as a premium.

Comrade Geo H. Spittler of Canton is a literature booster. Orders for pamphlets from him lately attest to his work of educating those who need it.

Comrade Nate Rieley of Akron remits \$6.50 for sub cards and Debs photos. He states his approval of The Toiler and wishes all workers had the same privilege of reading it that he enjoys.

Five dollars for the Liberation fund and the same amount for sub cards is contained in a letter from comrade Chas. Boydelatour of Canton. Another booster is he.

A comrade writes—"I love The Toiler tho I cannot read English. A little Bolshevik girl reads it to me".

"Here I come again with two more subs," writes comrade Diahart of Canton. Just a proof of genuine sincerity in the work.

To read The Toiler regardless of cost is the sentiment expressed in a letter from comrade Mrs. Pearl Patterson of Shirley, Mass. We have to confess that a lot of people think the same.

"Whoever does not violate God's law, violates no law. Debs would be a free man today of justice existed, but when laws exist in violation of God's law, that law is corrupt and those who support it are also corrupt." Albert Hanni.

Back again is our old boogey, F. W. Wack of Battle creek. This trip he brings three more subs.

A. E. Knisley remits \$5 for sub cards and gets Lenin for a premium.

A recent literature order consisting of 100 Mr. Blocks comes from comrade Mrs. A. Jones of Youngstown, O.

"I believe the Toiler is going to be a winner, I wish I could put it in the home of every worker in this County," thus writes comrade Ben Carpenter of Harrison, Mich. And he helps to do it by ordering \$5 worth of sub cards.

Comrade Metcalf of Youngstown is on the trail of subscribers there. He gets them too, as a recent bunch of three proves.

Nick Weltlich is at it every week—getting subs we mean. Two yearlies this week proves it.

"To show you how easy it is to get subscribers. Took my paper to work with me to-day and read one article to the bunch. That was enough. I am sending three subscribers. Hoping to send more soon." H. H. Voelkmann, Columbus, O. You ought to take this evidence to heart and try it too.

Three yearlies from A. W. Wacker of Massillon indicates he is on the firing line.

Five yearly subs arrived this week from comrade Henry Sexamer, of Canton.

TROTSKY DEAD AGAIN
COPENHAGEN, Jan. 1.—Esthonian papers affirm the rumor of a mutiny in the red army and that Trotsky has been hanged by marines at the station at Volosov.

1,500,000 GERMANS SLAIN
BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Official statistics made public today place the number of Germans killed in battle at 1,500,000. These figures do not include those who died in prison camps.

MINER'S VIEW.

Mulberry, Kans. 12/22/19 Toiler.

It was hot stuff you published about the strike. You sure the bulls eye every shot. We that strike good and hard for our own rotten, weak kneed, critical officials were the cause. I don't blame a thing on the government or on Gov. or any of the others involved in that struggle. It was down so called LEADERS that lost the Miner's strike.

The rank and file was standing like a cement wall, I know what I am talking about for I was doing organization work among the strikers all during the strike and the chief blame rest on (LEWIS AND GREEN). We never asked them to go to Washington and swap us body and soul for a little respectability and that is just what I believe they did. I don't think they had guts enough to get any money out of the deal, while I for one, would think more of them if they had sold me straight out and got the money and then quit the job.

I remain yours truly,
a coal digger.

A NEW AMERICAN COMMANDMENT

I am writing to call your attention to a magazine called "Now" sent out by Andrews & Co. of New York City. On giving it the once over I discovered it was a propaganda sheet for the Kolehaks and Denikins of America. It contains a frantic effort of satire to annihilate what is left of decency in the world, the one hope of civilization. Pleading desperately for the continuation of a system where one human can say to another "You work and earn bread and I'll eat it." Where the inhumanity of man to man makes countless thousands mourn."

The 1st 6 pages are given to a description by Karl K Kitchen, of the type of civilization, which is a by-product of the capitalist system. When the radicals succeed in grafting some brains on to the heads of some of the workers such ulcers on the body politic will cease to exist. On page 10 of the Nov. issue 1919 Myron T. Herrick, ex-governor of Ohio gives out what he calls the New American commandment. He is blissfully ignorant of the fact that this is the very commandment that will be put into action by the people he is opposing.

"No one class shall selfishly rule" who denies the workers, who produce all wealth, the right to live? What class is committing the atrocities against the workers? Who oppresses the oppressed? What class is making it illegal to strike?

Abraham Lincoln said: "This country belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they grow weary of their government they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it or their revolutionary right to overthrow it". Was not this revolutionary right exercised in the Dred Scott Case? The court that decided the Dred Scott case, by no means had a corner on the didos that add to the gayety of Nations and make the angels weep. Witness the espionage act, criminal syndicalism law, laws making it illegal to strike etc. etc. all of which will speedily clarify the thoughts of the workers as to which class is ruling and how, will do more to speed up the revolution than all the Bolshevik propaganda could ever do. Their actions simply verify this propaganda. Just as the removal of the street cars of Toledo proves that if the public does not want to be left at the mercy of greedy corporations it must own its own public utilities.

The ruling class of America may call the Bolsheviks all kinds of names, its easy to call a man a fool, but it rests with the man to verify his statement or by his actions prove you a liar. All the laws and all the lies the present ruling class can pass and tell will get them about as far in preventing the coming revolution (or day of reckoning), as a celluloid dog chasing an asbestos cat through —ell. Its too late, the machine is displacing enough hand workers to insure us on ever increasing army of the unemployed. No work, no pay, no pay, no eat, no eat—reconstruction for the whole of society—in which no one class shall selfishly rule but all those who justify existence by some honest effort.

This same magazine contains on page 12 The Truth about Russia, by Lawrence Pouahine, evidently one of the Russian oppressors, who would

FLINGS AND STINGS BY SKYGAC

rather beg in America than spend a few hours a day in Russia earning on his own bread. He whines because the world do move. Here the coal miners went on strike in the winter time, when the people needed coal instead of waiting as usual until the springtime and people can get along without coal. Another result of bolshevik influence or I. W. Wism!

One motion made and carried in a union hall backed by the necessary power to make it stick beats a day's debate in Congress any old time.

The bourgeoisie tell us that the proletariat has more brawn than brains, but in a struggle where might makes right, that may not be a handicap.

When society gets sick revolutions crop out just as boils and pimples show up in a person with bad blood. So why blame the agitator?

We used to hear a lot about the professional strike-breaker, but so great is the industrial unrest today that the strike breaker is lost in the shuffle.

Besides they're using the army for that now. The army's most popular song nowadays is, "Larry's on the coal pile now."

Next time you hear one of those idealistic wheezes emanating from the vicinity of Washington just remember that all the Russian prisoners in Germany that would go to the counter-revolutionary army in Russia were sent there but all who came from Soviet Russia were kept in Germany AND ARE THERE YET, clad in rags and half starved, KEPT THERE BY ORDER OF THE ALLIES of which Uncle Sammy is one.

Government by injunction worked very well as long as it was an employer getting the injunction, but when for the first time in our history the government itself got an injunction, somehow or other the injunction failed to injunct!

The coal miners seem to have what might be termed individual solidarity. If they would only stick together and bunch up, one machine gun regiment could intimidate the bunch, but when they have five hundred thousand separate and individual strikers each carrying on his own individual strike—gee its some job to round 'em all up—besides where would they put them if they could find them? The executive committee for the dominant class is up against a condition and not a theory.

Now that the puky press all over the country has had a chance to spew

Bolshevism in Russia is the revenge of the oppressed classes for CENTRIES OF PERSECUTION". Threatens to make it a sorry day for the Bolsheviks when the real Russians (the oppressors) by the aid of the American Working man, get in control again. Of course the Bolsheviks have classified such "real Russians" as he is, with the bed bugs, sheep ticks and other parasites who get their living by virtue of their position on your back. Imagine criminals dressed up in clean linen, with Morris chair proivities asked to earn their own bread!

Terrible is the sight of ignorance in action, says the poet Goethe, and according to Lincoln Colcord, that is the story of present civilization, of autocratic industry, plutocratic government, business for the sake of profit and authority for the sake of power.

An American farmer.

its venom about the I. W. W. firing on the armistice day parade in a western city we do not expect them to have the decency to print the TRUTH about the matter, to-wit;—that the paraders went out of their way and ATTACKED the hall, even breaking the door, and the shots were fired in defense of property, and that the corners jury knowing this truth failed to name the guilty parties. We do not expect the capitalist press to have the decency to tell the truth about this matter—because all who know the plute press, do not expect it to ever show any signs of decency. Let it be known for what it is—the lickspittle prostitute of the dominant class.

The dominant class thinks they can use the American Legion for a cat-paw but it had better look out for a wallop from that same paw once the A. L. gets hip.

Unless the persons responsible for law enforcement make the various criminal syndicalist laws retro-active and chase down the law violator who in the name of 100% Americanism and patriotism does violence and commits murder the reds will be justified in looking upon those laws as so many bulwarks of the dominant class. It is not the red that is teaching a disrespect for law—it is the courts and those responsible for law enforcement, winking at acts of violence perpetrated against the reds.

Up in the state of Michigan a millionaire by the name of Newberry made a senatorial campaign on 100 per cent. Americanism vs. Pacifism. The grand jury (federal) just brought in an indictment for him and 132 others charging them with fraudulent use of money in the campaign. Thus gradually we get to learn what they mean by 100 per cent. Americanism!

FOREIGN NEWS.

NEW YORK.—A curious side-light is thrown upon the great printers' strike in Paris last month by French newspapers arriving in this country. Instead of dozens of journals of the most diverse kind, usually received as exchanges by American papers, only two sheets are reaching this city for each day of the strike.

The first of these is called "La Feuille Commune." It is "published with the authorization of the strike committee," and is jointly edited by the staffs of the following papers, most of them working class organs: La Bataille, Bonsoir, La France Libre, Le Journal du Peuple, L'Heure, L'Humanite, L'Oeuvre, Le Pays, and Le Populaire. This paper consists of but one sheet, the first page of which is taken up with general news and with a daily bulletin from the strike committee. On the second page the editors of the various publications joining in the enterprise are allotted a certain amount of space (usually one column) for editorial utterances. Running in competition with this sheet is a "scab" paper, bearing the title "La Presse de Paris." It is the joint undertaking of fifty-seven papers opposed to the demands of the workers. Among them one finds the names of the New York "Herald" (Paris edition) and of the London "Daily Mail."

Four pages of reading matter are furnished daily. Pages one and four are taken up with news and stock reports, while pages two and three are entitled, "Tribune Libre" ("Open forum"), and carry editorials by the various papers supporting the enterprise. The editors assert that they might have published each their own paper despite the strike, but that they took this means of "showing their complete solidarity."

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